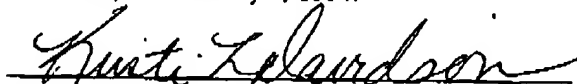


**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE**

I hereby certify that this correspondence for Application No. 09/877,164 is being facsimile transmitted to Technology Center 1700, via Central Fax Number (703) 872-9306, on February 3, 2004.



Kristi L. Davidson, Reg. No. 44,643

Date

2/3/04

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/877,164  
Filed: June 8, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 1743  
Examiner: Jan M. Ludlow  
Applicant: Ronald D. Ringleben et al.  
Title: ROBOTIC RESERVOIR WITHOUT LIQUID HANGUP  
Attorney Docket: NAC-108  
Confirmation No.: 9298

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

February 3, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**RESUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

As part of the enclosed response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2003, Applicants are re-submitting a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 31, 2001 and received by the Patent Office on September 4, 2001, as indicated by OIPE's mailroom stamp on Applicant's return postcard. This IDS was clearly received by the PTO, but was not properly entered into the file and consequently not considered by the Examiner. Consideration of the references cited therein is respectfully requested prior to issuance of a next Action, and Applicants request that if any rejection of the

claims is to be made over those references, that the Action not be made final in fairness to the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.

By:   
Kristi L. Davidson, Reg. No. 44,643

2700 Carew Tower  
441 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(513) 241-2324 (voice)  
(513) 241-6234 (facsimile)

**COPY**

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on August 31, 2001

*Kristi L. Davidson*  
Kristi L. Davidson, Reg. No. 44,643

8/31/01  
Date

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/877,164  
Filed: June 8, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 1632  
Examiner: Unknown  
Applicant: Ronald D. Ringleben, Ian Pratt  
Title: ROBOTIC RESERVOIR WITHOUT LIQUID HANGUP

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

August 31, 2001

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

No representation is made that the cited art is the only art or that the cited art represents the best art.

The Examiner is urged to consider all of the cited documents and to make an independent evaluation of the teachings and materiality of each.

If any additional fees are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.

**COPY**

By: Kristi L. Davidson  
Kristi L. Davidson  
Reg. No. 44,643

2700 Carew Tower  
441 Vine Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(513) 241-2324 (voice)  
(513) 421-7269 (facsimile)

K:\WAC\108\105.wpd

Sheet 1 (A) of 1

SUBSTITUTE FORM PTO-1449  
(MODIFIED)U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEATTY. DOCKET NO.  
NAC/108SERIAL NO.  
09/877,164INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANTAPPLICANT  
Ringleben et al.

(37 CFR 1.98(b))

(Use several sheets if necessary)

FILING DATE  
June 8, 2001GROUP  
1632

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A.A						
	A.B						
	A.C						
	A.D						
	A.E						
	A.F						
	A.G						
	A.H						
	A.I						
	A.J						
	A.K						

COPY

## FOREIGN PATENTS OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATIONS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLICATION DATE	COUNTRY OR PATENT OFFICE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION (YES/NO)
	A.L						
	A.M						
	A.N						
	A.O						
	A.P						
	A.Q						

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

	A.R	Tomtec, Inc., <u>Reagent Reservoirs Quadra96 Accessory</u> , <a href="http://www.tomtec.com/Pages/CustomReservoir.html">http://www.tomtec.com/Pages/CustomReservoir.html</a> , as of 2/12/01
	A.S	Robbins Scientific, <u>Molecular Biology: PCR Plastics</u> , <a href="http://www.robsci.com/PCR/vgroove.html">http://www.robsci.com/PCR/vgroove.html</a> , as of 2/8/01
	A.T	

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not in conformance. Draw line through citation only if not in conformance and not considered. Include a copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Substitute Disclosure Form (PTO-1449)